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Docket No. 926502-921616

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE THE APPLICATION OF  
Paolo Cittadini, et al.

SERIAL NO: 10/088,698

FILED: March 18, 2002

FOR: Sealing Gasket with Magnetic  
Closure...

Group Art Unit: 3634

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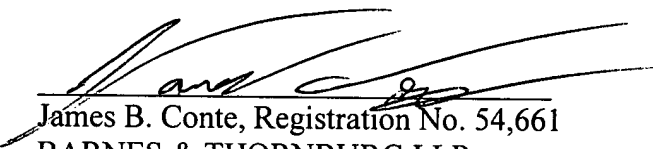
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The present communication responds to the Office Action mailed May 27, 2004. The Action requires that applicant elect a single group of claims to be examined. Applicant hereby elects the Claims identified in Group 1, Claims 2-9, 11, 12, 20 and 21 drawn to a gasket. Applicant makes the election with traverse.

Applicant disagrees with the election requirement. Applicant disagrees that its magnet configuration concerns a different invention than the gasket. The magnet configuration concerns an element which is magnetized and has magnetized bands. Notably, Claim 16 limits the magnetized element to one made of plastic wherein particles of material to be magnetized are distributed. For these reasons, the election/restriction requirement should be withdrawn.

No amendments have been made to the drawings, specification or claims.

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